

and fuels when compared to an historical eastside forest.

Because of high tree density across much of the analysis area, a more destructive crown fire could be sustained, including areas adjacent to the wildland urban interface. Also, due to the lack of a historical frequent and low intensity fire regime, large, contiguous areas of bitterbrush provide potential high hazard fuels. Remnant, large ponderosa pine that would ordinarily be fire resistant are placed at risk because of increased competition with lodgepole pine and increased ground to crown ladder fuels. In addition to the potential for large, uncharacteristic wildfire, tree mortality from insects and disease is becoming evident and stands are becoming susceptible due to high stand density and periods of low precipitation.

The purpose and need of the project is to address opportunities for protecting and enhancing the forest ecosystem within the Kelsey planning area, including:

- Provide this fire-dependent ecosystem with a landscape that is capable for sustaining a characteristic low intensity wildfire.
- Reduce tree density to assist in a transition toward a forest ecosystem that is more resilient and resistant to disturbance.
- Protect and accelerate development of late and old structure trees.
- Provide stand structural diversity in even-aged stands to provide future big game habitat.
- Utilize opportunities that result from vegetation management activities to offset costs and provide products to stimulate the economy.

Proposed Action. The proposed action includes non-commercial and commercial thinning of conifers less than 21 inches diameter at breast height to reduce tree stand density (5,495 acres); Reducing the shrub component to fragment high hazard fuels, including preparing stands for careful application of prescribed fire (8,955 acres); Creating small openings and replanting to provide areas for future deer forage and vertical stand diversity (260 acres).

Issues. Preliminary issues include the potential effect of the proposed action on cultural resources, developed and dispersed recreation, noxious weeds, air quality, water quality, and wildlife habitat.

Comment. Public comments regarding this proposal are requested in order to assist in identifying issues, determine how to best manage the resources, and to focus the analysis. Comments received to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment,

will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision in accordance with 36 CFR parts 215 and 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

A draft EIS will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review by July 15, 2005. The EPA will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The final EIS is scheduled to be available October 24, 2005.

The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions [*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978)]. Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts [*City of Angoon v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)]. Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and

concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also help if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS of the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the draft EIS. The Forest Service is the lead agency and the responsible official is the Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest. The responsible official will decide where and whether or not to apply natural fuels treatments, thin stands, and reforest group cuts. The responsible official will also decide how to mitigate impacts of these actions and will determine when and how monitoring of effects will take place.

The Kelsey Vegetation Management decision and the reasons for the decision will be documented in the record of decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (35 CFR Part 215).

Dated: March 16, 2005.

Kevin Martin,

Deputy Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Addition

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Addition to procurement list.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Effective Date: April 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

For Further Information Or To Submit Comments Contact: Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail SKennerly@jwod.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 4, 2005, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (70 FR 5964) of proposed additions to the Procurement List. After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agency to provide the service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the service listed below is suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following service is added to the Procurement List:

Service

Service Type/Location: Custodial Services, Naval Base Ventura County, Ventura, California.

NPA: PRIDE Industries, Inc., Roseville, California.

Contracting Activity: ROICC/Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, California.

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to procurement list.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List products and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Comments Must Be Received On Or Before: April 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-3259.

For Further Information Or To Submit Comments Contact: Sheryl D. Kennerly, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail SKennerly@jwod.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions. If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in the notice for each product or service will be required to procure the products and service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products and service to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the products and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

End of Certification

The following products and service are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Products

Product/NSN: Antifoam Compound, Silicon, 6850-01-506-6533.

Product/NSN: Detergent, Laundry, 7930-01-506-7081.

NPA: East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, Tyler, Texas.

Contracting Activity: Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Product/NSN: Gloves, Flyers', Summer, Type GS/FRP-2; GS/FPP-2 (Exigency or surge requirements up to 240,000 pairs annually which are over and above the current contractors' requirements for a period up to September 2007.

8415-01-029-0109—Type GS/FRP-2, Sage Green—Size 7

8415-01-029-0111—Type GS/FRP-2, Sage Green—Size 8

8415-01-029-0112—Type GS/FRP-2, Sage Green—Size 9

8415-01-029-0113—Type GS/FRP-2, Sage Green—Size 10

8415-01-029-0116—Type GS/FRP-2, Sage Green—Size 11

8415-01-040-1453—Type GS/FRP-2, Sage Green—Size 6

8415-01-040-2012—Type GS/FRP-2, Sage Green—Size 5

8415-01-461-4920—Type GS/FPP-2, Desert Tan—Size 5

8415-01-461-4922—Type GS/FPP-2, Desert Tan—Size 6

8415-01-461-4924—Type GS/FPP-2, Desert Tan—Size 7

8415-01-461-4932—Type GS/FPP-2, Desert Tan—Size 8

8415-01-461-4934—Type GS/FPP-2, Desert Tan—Size 9

8415-01-461-4940—Type GS/FPP-2, Desert Tan—Size 10

8415-01-461-4942—Type GS/FPP-2, Desert Tan—Size 11

8415-01-461-4962—Type GS/FRP-2, Black—Size 5

8415-01-461-4964—Type GS/FRP-2, Black—Size 6

8415-01-461-4966—Type GS/FRP-2, Black—Size 7

8415-01-461-4969—Type GS/FRP-2, Black—Size 8

8415-01-461-4970—Type GS/FRP-2, Black—Size 9

8415-01-461-4971—Type GS/FRP-2, Black—Size 10

8415-01-461-4981—Type GS/FRP-2, Black—Size 11

8415-01-482-8417—Type GS/FRP-2, Sage Green—Size 4

8415-01-482-8420—Type GS/FRP-2, Sage Green—Size 12

8415-01-482-8678—Type GS/FRP-2, Black—Size 4

8415-01-482-8684—Type GS/FRP-2,

Black—Size 12

8415-01-482-8688—Type GS/FPP-2,

Desert Tan—Size 4

8415-01-482-8690—Type GS/FPP-2,

Desert Tan—Size 12

NPA: South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind,
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Contracting Activity: Defense Supply Center
Philadelphia, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

Product/NSN: Marker, Dry Erase, 7520-01-
294-3791 (Black, Chisel Tip).

NPA: Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.,
Dallas, Texas.

Contracting Activity: Office Supplies & Paper
Products Acquisition Center, New York,
NY.

Service

Service Type/Location: Document

Destruction, USDA, Forest Service, 101 B
Sun Avenue, NE., Albuquerque, New
Mexico.

NPA: Adelante Development Center, Inc.,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Contracting Activity: USDA, Forest Service,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Current Retail Sales & Inventory Survey.

Form Number(s): SM-44(00)S, SM-44(00)SE, SM-44(00)SS, SM-44(00)B, SM-44(00)BE, SM-44(00)BS, SM-44(00)L, SM-44(00)LE, SM-44(00)LS, SM-45(00)S, SM-45(00)SE, SM-45(00)SS, SM-45(00)B, SM-45(00)BE, SM-45(00)BS, SM-72(00)S, SM-20(00)I.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0717.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 13,364 hours.

Number of Respondents: 8,706.

Avg Hours Per Response: 7.7 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests an extension of the OMB approval of the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey. The Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey provides estimates of monthly retail sales, end-of-month merchandise inventories, and quarterly e-commerce sales of retailers in the United States by

selected kinds of business. Also, it provides monthly sales of food service establishments.

Sales and inventory data provide a current statistical picture of the retail portion of consumer activity. The sales and inventory estimates in the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey measure current trends of economic activity that occur in the United States. Also, the estimates compiled from the survey provide valuable information for economic policy decisions and actions by the government and are widely used by private businesses, trade organizations, professional associations, and others for market research and analysis. Sales are used by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) in determining the consumption portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Retail and Food Services Sales during 2004 amounted to \$4.1 trillion. The estimates produced in the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey are critical to the accurate measurement of total economic activity. The estimates of retail sales represent all operating receipts, including receipts from wholesale sales made at retail locations and services rendered as part of the sale of the goods, by businesses that primarily sell at retail. The sales estimates include sales made on credit as well on a cash basis, but exclude receipts from sales taxes and interest charges from credit sales. Also excluded is non-operating income from such services as investments and real estate.

The estimates of merchandise inventories owned by retailers represent all merchandise located in retail stores, warehouses, offices, or in transit for distribution to retail establishments. The estimates of merchandise inventories exclude fixtures and supplies not held for sale, as well as merchandise held on consignment owned by others. Inventories are used by the BEA in determining the investment portion of the GDP.

Retail e-commerce sales are estimated from the same sample used in the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey to estimate preliminary and final U.S. retail sales. The Current Retail Sales and Inventory sample is updated on an ongoing basis to account for new retail employer businesses (including those selling via the Internet), business deaths, and other changes to the retail business universe. Research was conducted to ensure that retail firms selected in the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey sample and engaged in e-commerce are representative of the universe of e-commerce retailers. Total e-commerce sales for 2003 were estimated at \$56 billion.

We publish retail sales and inventory estimates based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) which has been widely adopted throughout both the public and private sectors.

The BEA is the primary Federal user of data collected in the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey. BEA uses the information in its preparation of the National Income and Products Accounts, and its benchmark and annual input-output tables. Statistics provided from retail sales and inventory estimates are used in the calculation of the GDP. If the survey were not conducted, BEA would lack comprehensive data from the retail sector. This would adversely affect the reliability of the National Income and Products Accounts and the GDP.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) uses the data as input to its Producer Price Indexes and in developing productivity measurements. The data are also used for gauging current economic trends of the economy. Private businesses use the retail sales and inventory data to compute business activity indexes. The private sector also uses retail sales as a reliable indicator of consumer activity.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: March 15, 2005.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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